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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SURVEY TEAM FOR PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

REF: (A) BONN 7634, (B) USBERLIN 0989, (C) STATE 125742

- 1. US MISSION WELCOMES VISIT OF WHITE HOUSE SURVEY TEAM. HOTEL ROOMS HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR NIGHT OF MAY 30 AT BERLIN HILTON.
- 2. GIVEN THE SHORT TIME FORESEEN IN BERLIN, THE PARAMETERS OF POSSIBLE VARIATIONS IN SCHEDULE ARE FAIRLY LIMITED, AND IN OUR JUDGMENT THEY ARE BASICALLY SET FORTH IN BONN'S 7634 AND IN USBERLIN'S 989. ALTHOUGH THE STILL UNDETERMINED FRG PROGRAM FOR JULY 15 WILL AFFECT THE LENGTH OF TIME HERE, WE BELIEVE THAT A MINIMUM OF FOUR HOURS SHOULD BE RESERVED FOR BERLIN. WE WILL THUS CONTINUE TO MAKE ALL OUR RECOMMENDATIONS ON THIS ASSUMPTION.
- 3. TO RECAPITULATE, THE MAIN UNDECIDED POINTS IN A POSSIBLE BERLIN SCHEDULE ARE:

A. LANDING AT TEMPELHOF (US) INSTEAD OF AT TEGEL CONFIDENTIAL

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(FRENCH) AIRPORT. USBER'S 989 RECOUNTS GENERAL ADVANTAGES OF TEMPELHOF. ADDITIONAL MAJOR ADVANTAGES WOUD BE SHORTENING OF INTRA-CITY TRAVEL TIME, AND POSSIBILITY OF STAGING THERE THE MEETING WITH THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY MENTIONED AS SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS IN PARA 4 OF EMBASSY'S REFTEL. THIS AGAIN WOULD ADDITIONALLY SHORTEN TRAVEL TIME.

- B. AN INDOOR OR OUTDOOR SPEECH SITE. FOR AN OUTDOOR SPEECH THE CHARLOTTENBURG PALACE OR THE MEMORIAL CHURCH (GEDAECHNISKIRCHE) ARE POSSIBILITIES; FOR AN INDOOR SPEECH THE PHILHARMONIE OR THE KONGRESSHALLE.
- 4. A COMPREHENSIVE SITE SURVEY SHOULD THEREFORE INCLUDE THE TWO AIRPORTS, THE FOUR POSSIBILITIES FOR SPEECH LOCALES, THE US HEADQUARTERS AND THE TWO ALTERNATIVE PLACES TO VIEW THE WALL.
- 5. WE WILL PLAN TO DO THIS VIA BUS IN ONE TRIP WITH ALL THE SEVERAL STOPS, AND ACCOMPANIED BY APPROPRIATE SENAT AND POLICE OFFICIALS. WE WOULD ALSO PLAN A WORKING LUNCH UNDERWAY WITH ALL PARTICIPANTS. GEORGE

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